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SUBJECT: GUINEA'S REQUEST FOR COAST GUARD CUTTERS

1. PRIME MINISTER BEAVOGUI CONVOKED CHARGE  
SEPTEMBER 4 AT PRESIDENT TOURE'S BEHEST TO RE-  
ITERATE GUINEA'S PENDING REQUEST FOR COAST GUARD  
CUTTERS ("VEDETTES"). ALI BANGOURA, PRESIDENT  
TOURE'S CONFIDANT AND CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, WAS ALSO  
PRESENT.

2. BEAVOGUI SAID GOG WISHED TO STRESS THAT CUTTERS  
WOULD BE STRICTLY FOR DEFENSIVE PURPOSES INCLUDING  
PATROL OF FISHING ZONE. DEFENSIVE BY DEFINITION,  
THEY  
WERE FOT IN SAME CATEGORY WITH LETHAL WEAPONRY  
BEING SOLD TO CERTAIN OTHER AFRICAN STATES. GUINEA  
IS "ABSOLUTELY NEUTRAL", NON-ALIGNED, AT PEACE WITH  
NEIGHBORS, AND WISHES ONLY TO PROVIDE FOR ITS OWN  
LOCAL SECURITY. IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT GOG  
HAD "FORMERLY" INVITED SOVIET TU-95'S TO PATROL OUT  
OF CONAKRY "IN PAST" DURING PERIOD WHEN GOG FELT  
MENACED. GUINEA'S OLD SOVIET-FURNISHED PATROL BOATS  
ARE MOSTLY BROKEN DOWN AND GOG WISHES TO FIND SUPPLIER  
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OTHER THAN SOVIETS. GOG, BEAVOGUI SAID, DOES NOT SEEK  
"THE IMPOSSIBLE" FROM U.S. IN SECURITY FIELD BUT ONLY  
SOMETHING IT KNOWS U.S. HAS AND CAN REASONABLY PROVIDE.

3. CHARGE SAID HE APPRECIATED PRIMIN'S ADDITIONAL AS-  
SURANCE THAT TU-95'S WERE CLOSED "PAST" CHAPTER AND HE  
WOULD RELAY THIS TO DEPARTMENT ALONG WITH RENEWED

CUTTER REQUEST. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, CHARGE SAID HE FELT GUINEA HAD TWO IMPORTANT FACTORS GOING FOR HER AS U.S. STAFFED OUT REQUEST: PRESIDENT TOURE'S DECISION TO TERMINATE ALL TU-95 FLIGHTS IN AND THROUGH GUINEA, AND GOG'S WILLINGNESS TO RECEIVE DELEGATION FOR MEANINGFUL VISIT ON HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS. BEAVOGUI SAID ICRC IS STILL WELCOME AS U.S. HAD PROPOSED.

4. COMMENT: AS IN TALKS AT WASHINGTON, BEAVOGUI DID NOT RPT NOT LINK CUTTER REQUEST TO CONTINUATION OF TOURE'S BAN ON TU-95'S. WORDING COULD BE CONSTRUED HOWEVER AS VERY GENTLE REMINDER THAT BAN IS NOT NECESSARILY PERPETUAL AND DEPENDS ON TOURE'S PERCEPTION OF GUINEA'S (FOR HIS OWN) SECURITY. ALL EVIDENCE AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY INDICATES THAT TOURE AT MOMENT WANTS CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO REGARD HIM AS "MAN OF HIS WORD". FORTUNATE NET EFFECT OF EARLY AUGUST TU-95 LANDING EPISODE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN TO IMPOSE TU-95 BAN MORE FIRMLY ON BUREAUCRACY AND TO SHUT OFF EVEN TRANSIT OR REFUELING STOPS. IF IT HOLDS, THIS IS NO MEAN U.S. ACHIEVEMENT. NEVERTHELESS TU-95 UNDERSTANDING IS PROBABLY NOT IMMUNE TO EROSION AS TOURE'S SECURITY FEARS EBB AND FLOW. SUPPLYING THE FEW DEFENSIVE CUTTERS GUINEA SEEKS WOULD NAIL DOWN MUCH MORE FIRMLY GOG COMMITMENT. BEYOND THAT, FRESH PERSPECTIVES COULD BE OPENED FOR GUINEAN "NON-ALIGNMENT,"  
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FOR FURTHER REQUESTS U.S. MAY MAKE, FOR WIDENING OF GUINEAN MINI-ENTENTE WITH U.S. OF LAST FEW MONTHS AND, INDIRECTLY OF COURSE, FOR ENHANCED LEVERAGE AND PROGRESS IN HUMAN RIGHTS DIALOGUE. CONVERSELY, EMBASSY SENSES THAT FLAT "NO" ON CUTTERS, IF IT DID NOT TORPEDO TU-95 UNDERSTANDING OUTRIGHT, AT VERY LEAST WOULD POSSIBLY LEAVE IT VULNERABLE TO REVISION LATER.  
END COMMENT.  
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